

Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 09/26/2020 – 09/29/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS DENOTE NEW/CHANGED INFORMATION

General Situation/Overview:

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily. Friday's planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count Updated: 12:15pm 09/29/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	4572	4311
Deaths**	116	53

Confirmed:** positive test result. *Deaths:** BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death, meaning they died because of COVID-19. DOH includes people who tested positive for COVID-19 and died, but may not have died of COVID-19. That's why the dashboard may show a higher number of deaths than we previously reported. DOH is currently updating their definition, and in the coming days, the total number of deaths reported on the dashboard may decrease

City Case Count 09/29/2020 12:15pm	April OFM Population	# of Cases
Pasco	77,100	3776
Mesa	495	101
Connell	5,500	365
Kahlotus	165	<10
Eltopia	-	52
Kennewick	84,960	2663
Richland	58,550	987
West Richland	15,710	225
Benton City	3,560	165
Prosser	6220	414
Plymouth	-	17
Paterson	-	<10
Not Specified	-	104

Current Hospital Status Updated: 12:15pm 09/29/2020 M-F		COVID Like Illness = CLI	
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	310	22	7.1%

Case Locations of Interest updated 12:15pm on 09/29/2020	
	# of Cases
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	538

Please visit [Washington State Department of Corrections site](https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm) for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. (<https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm>)

OPERATIONS SECTION:

OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA: Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.

- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the [definition of an outbreak](#) and have had active cases within the last 28 days
 - **General Business Community - 17**
 - **Long Term Care Facilities - 9**
 - **HealthCare Settings – 2**
 - **Childcare Settings – 1**
 - **Schools – 1**
- Schools team is working on investigating on potential outbreaks as well as continuing conversations with the local school districts as planning continues for Hybrid Learning models. To assist the schools with data interpretation BFHD has added a table on the School Guidance page of the BFHD website showing the case rate per 100,000 at 14 and 6 days <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&pageId=16929609>
- Med Tech has indicated that the Institute for Disease Modeling has showed a bit of a plateau for our area, but the Pacific Northwest Rt (R Naught - # of people 1 person infects) is still below 1. This is good news and shows our mitigation efforts are working and that with persistence we should continue to see a slow, steady decline

CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:

- Care Coordination team is working on creating a desk reference for the Community Health Record (CHR) System. CHR is a new system for assigning and tracking care coordination cases who have identified as needing assistance while in isolation or quarantine
- Contact Tracing team continues monitoring for trends and providing feedback to the Outbreak Mitigation Team with the goal of getting ahead of any potential outbreaks in our area

COMMUNITY TESTING:

- To date, the National Guard at the HAPO Center testing site has administered **14,978 COVID tests**. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Tuesday 9/29, 191 tests
- **HAPO Test Site Hours of Operations –Tuesday - Friday from 7:00am- 3:00pm**
- CBC-West Test Site has administered **536 tests in their first week of operation** – Way to go! Thursday 9/24 – 78 tests, Friday 9/25 - 88 tests, Saturday 9/26 - 93 tests, Sunday 9/27 - 96 tests and Monday 9/28 - 181 tests
- **CBC-West Test Site Hours of Operations –Thursday through Monday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. ONLINE REGISTRATION** is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Click the link to be taken to the registration page www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting

VOLUNTEERS: Develop and administer volunteer training and coordination to supplement current staff as needed.

- Interested in **volunteering** at BFHD go to: [VOLUNTEER AT BFHD](#)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION: Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.

- BFHD press conferences will be conducted on an as need basis

- BFHD updates [Website](#) [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) daily

LOGISTICS:

PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:

- If you are curious to know how much PPE each county has received from the state you can find that information here <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution>
- Supply both the HAPO Testing Site and CBC-West Testing Site with PPE as needed/requested
- **Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves.** PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than **10:00am every Friday** or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week.
Benton – d.davis@bces.wa.gov Franklin – sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us

DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:

RECURRING ACTIVITIES:

- Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing via ZOOM if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at janaep@bfhd.wa.gov
- Daily at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM – if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at janaep@bfhd.wa.gov
- M-F at 5:00 dissemination of BFHD Incident Action Plan released - on Friday the IAP will be a 3-day IAP encompassing the weekend plan (Sat, Sun, Mon)
- Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call
- Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call
- Tuesday/Friday at 5:00pm - Unified Situational Report (SitRep) released
- Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
- Wednesday at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic/EMS/EM coordination call via ZOOM
- Wednesday at 1:30pm – Call with local agricultural partners
- Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555#
- Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only
- Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council
- Every other Thursday at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies
- Every other Friday at 2:00pm – Central and Eastern WA Counties meeting to discuss farmworkers and H2A Housing community's information/concerns/coordination

FUTURE OPERATIONS:

- Sustainability planning for the BFHD COVID response. BFHD Incident Command will transition out of the Franklin County ECC and back to BFHD main office beginning Oct 16th

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The incident action plan will be transitioned from daily to 2 times a week: Monday (covering Tues-Fri) and Friday (covering Sat-Mon)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SitRep will be transitioned to once a week beginning the week of Oct 19th - day to be determined
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue planning efforts in preparation for when the governor releases restrictions on movements between the phases of the safe start plan. Planning for a Phase 3 request for our area
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School planning for in-person hybrid learning following <75 cases per 100,000 threshold
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flu vaccination - communicating the importance of receiving a flu shot this year
<u>CURRENT RISKS:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School re-opening across the two counties
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Information for Halloween/Corn Mazes/Haunted Houses and impacts from those events
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flu season

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- REDI Healthcare Coalition: <https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei->

DISTRIBUTED TO:

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff
Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies
WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer
Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer
Cross Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons